

WALLERSCOTE SOLAR FARM - FINAL VERSION 2\*

I speak to you as the President of the River Weaver Navigation Society and owner of a company previously offering passenger cruises along the River Weaver, and as a qualified engineer with extensive experience in the load handling industry, and also a Barnton resident for 48 years, so I have a close understanding of the details of this planning application

We do not oppose the STATED planning aim of a solar power station, but we object most strongly to the total traffic disaster that will occur with the intended importation of 1.35 million Cu. metres of landfill BY ROAD.

Winnington Bridge is 115 years old, fatigued and it's single carriageway to service a trunk route already renders it unfit for purpose.

Other speakers will further highlight the shortcomings of Winnington bridge, and the inadequate narrow estate roads on the site approach

The importation of the SUPPOSEDLY NECESSARY 1.35 million cubic metres of landfill will conservatively generate an income of £135 million pounds, yes - £135 million pounds - for TATA, YET local residents and all through traffic will suffer massively from this inadequate access

So, considerable plant investment capital is available AND, a simple inexpensive alternative can remove these objections

The fully navigable River Weaver borders this site and can easily supply A TROUBLE FREE ROUTE for delivering this enormous amount of landfill.

As we speak, dredging spoil, that is similar to potential landfill - is passing within 100 metres of this Wallerscote site in 70 ton barges, to be offloaded at Acton Bridge - an almost identical operation to that required for this application, it is happening NOW and the PUBLIC ARE UNAWARE OF IT,

This is a periodic normal maintenance activity to ensure that the navigation remains fit for purpose.

But, from wherever the Landfill is sourced, it can be delivered to site in barges, be offloaded, day or night, with no disturbance whatsoever to the local population and no impact on the unbelievably poor local road traffic system that we have inherited. All that is necessary at site to receive the laden barges is a suitable landing stage and earth scraper

The River Weaver, creator of Northwich's prosperity for over 300 years, can continue to serve its intended purpose and provide efficient bulk transport to the area it has always served, if this alternative site delivery method is adopted.

We urge the planning committee to consider this solution

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IF IT IS APPROVED AS CURRENTLY PRESENTED IT WILL RESULT IN SPECTACULAR  
LOCAL PROTESTS NATIONAL PUBLICITY AND WITHHOLDING OF COUNCIL TAX

